



# Montgomery County Maryland

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	558	+3
Land in farms (acres)	65,537	+3
Average size of farm (acres)	117	(Z)
<b>Total</b> (\$)		
Market value of products sold	42,581,000	-12
Government payments	1,179,000	+41
Farm-related income	14,507,000	+33
Total farm production expenses	61,806,000	+5
Net cash farm income	-3,538,000	-353
<b>Per farm average</b> (\$)		
Market value of products sold	76,310	-15
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	14,744	+64
Farm-related income	66,547	+23
Total farm production expenses	110,763	+2
Net cash farm income	-6,340	-345

**2** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	89
Livestock, poultry, and products	11

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	74
Pastureland	12
Woodland	9
Other	5

**Acres irrigated: 1,174**

2% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	14
Reduced till	4
Intensive till	3
Cover crop	13

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	299	54
\$2,500 to \$4,999	62	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	34	6
\$10,000 to \$24,999	54	10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	22	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	30	5
\$100,000 or more	57	10

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	131	23
10 to 49 acres	258	46
50 to 179 acres	102	18
180 to 499 acres	37	7
500 to 999 acres	17	3
1,000 + acres	13	2

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,581</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1,903</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>37,829</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	17,025	15	23	1,206	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	3,134	7	23	448	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	2,412	3	23	295	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	12,911	7	23	205	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	56	8	20	364	1,384
Other crops and hay	2,290	5	23	1,090	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>4,752</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2,456</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	(D)	13	23	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	1,504	10	23	2,283	3,055
Milk from cows	1,499	11	18	865	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	16	22	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	190	5	23	822	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	595	9	22	361	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	15	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	111	10	22	714	2,878

**Total Producers <sup>c</sup>**

**1,026**

**Sex**

Male	534
Female	492

**Age**

<35	90
35 – 64	595
65 and older	341

**Race**

American Indian/Alaska Native	4
Asian	21
Black or African American	22
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	953
More than one race	26

**Other characteristics**

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	27
With military service	89
New and beginning farmers	274

**Percent of farms that:**

Have internet access **90**

Farm organically **1**

Sell directly to consumers **15**

Hire farm labor **37**

Are family farms **94**

**Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>**

Soybeans for beans	14,559
Corn for grain	11,977
Forage (hay/haylage), all	8,878
Wheat for grain, all	7,758
Sod harvested	(D)

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)**

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	4,663
Goats	1,526
Hogs and pigs	274
Horses and ponies	2,932
Layers	2,211
Pullets	251
Sheep and lambs	810
Turkeys	63

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.